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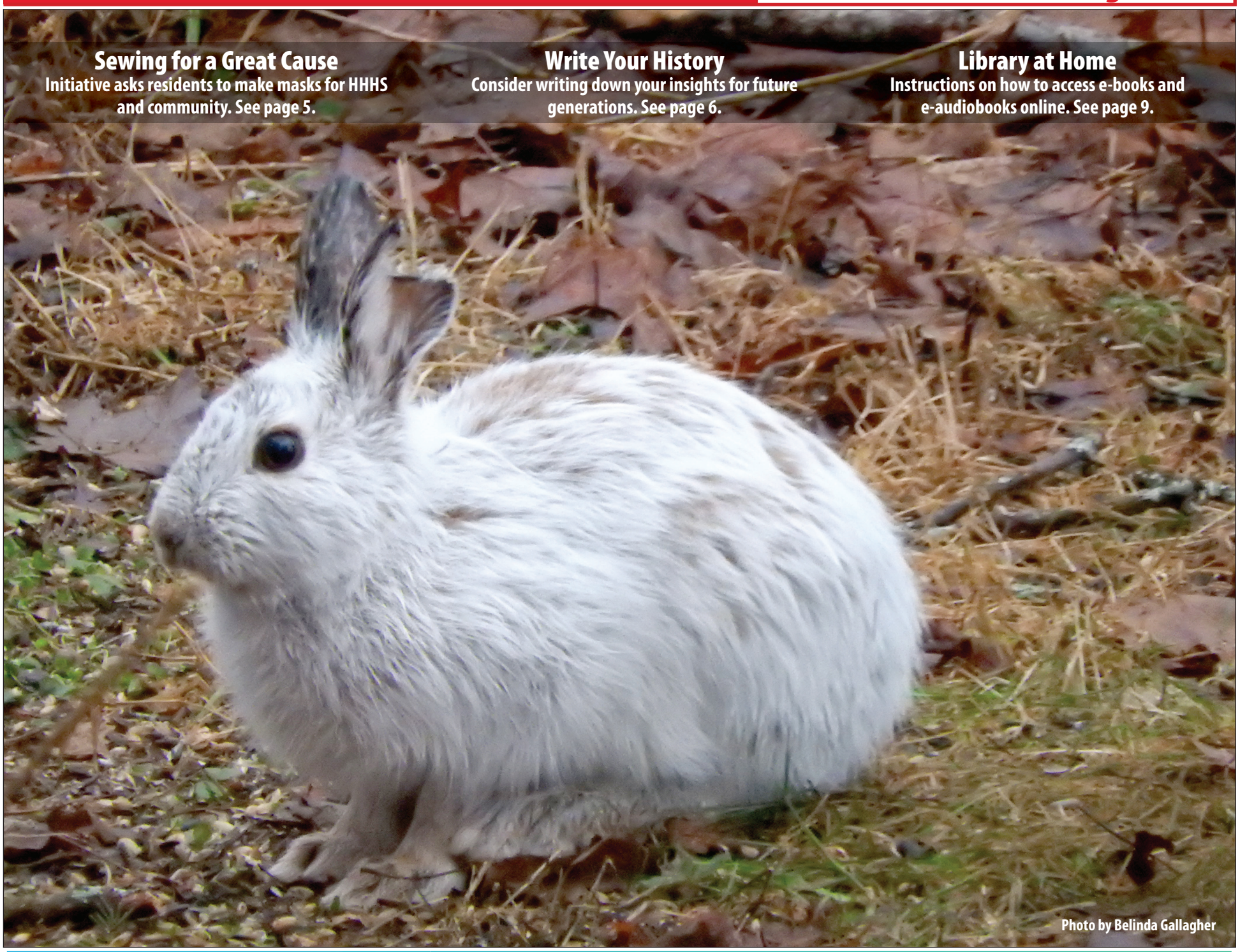

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Lee Gauthier
April 15, 2020
Algonquin Highlands Writers Circle

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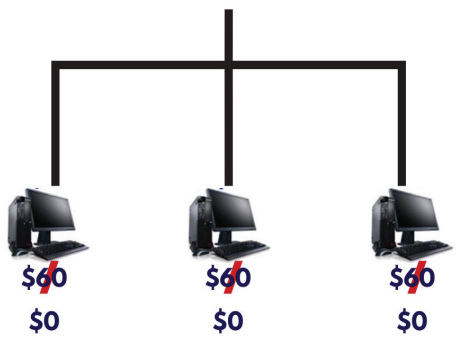

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SIRCH rallies public with Sewing for a Great Cause

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

SIRCH Community Services and Haliburton Highlands Health Services are asking for the public's help to build an inventory of fabric homemade masks for Haliburton County.

Although HHHS currently has an adequate supply of masks, homemade fabric masks can be a viable option if other supplies have been exhausted, and can also be an option for the public.

SIRCH is collecting the masks through the initiative, which is being called Sewing for a Great Cause.

"HHHS has first dibs, of course, on any masks received by SIRCH," said Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH in a prepared statement. "But we hope we receive many thousands so they are available to give to cashiers, delivery people, tenants in social housing, people in food services, anyone caring for someone with COVID-19."

Robertson wasn't sure of how many masks have been made, but knows a movement has begun.

"I know people are sewing like mad across the county and there is lots of chatter on various social media. Some people are sewing for other causes so honestly I have no idea what to expect. We are aiming for 800 for HHHS, and then enough to offer sanitized, individually bagged cloth masks to any organization or business that needs them," she wrote in an email.

Robertson said quality control for the masks will be ensured by a nurse, who has offered to assess them before they are distributed. Then HHHS will wash and sanitize them, and after they get their 800, will send them back to SIRCH to be individually bagged by volunteers.

"A bit of work but totally worth it," she said.

The masks must adhere to specifications, including being a double fabric, pleated mask design made from dark polyester or 100 per cent cotton on the outside, and 100 per cent lighter-coloured cotton inside. SIRCH recommends pre-washing the cotton fabric to allow for shrinkage, and creating the masks with elastic ear loops and cloth ties.

Wearing a homemade mask, SIRCH said, cannot replace healthy practices such as regular hand washing and preventative measures such as avoiding touching the face and physical distancing.

"But masks may help reduce droplet transmissions in closer quarters with people," a press release states.

Repair Cafés suspended

Like a lot of public events during this health crisis, SIRCH's Repair Cafés have been suspended.

Robertson said physical interaction is a key component to the concept so a

see PUTTING page 8

The SIRCH Repair Café sessions have been suspended indefinitely since social distancing measures have been implemented in the area due to the coronavirus, but the spirit of collaboration continues with SIRCH's Sewing for a Great Cause. SIRCH, which is serving as a collection point for fabric masks, is asking for the public's help to make masks for HHHS and for the public. / FILE PHOTO

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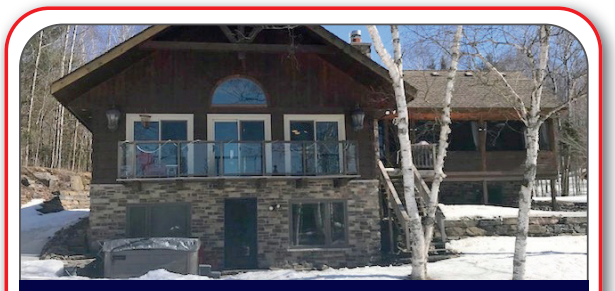

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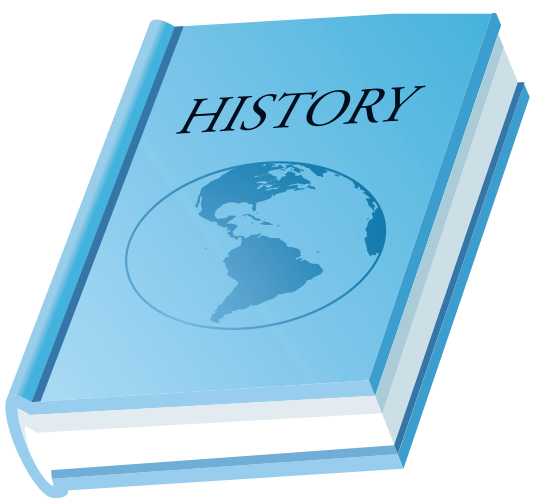
Telling today's story for tomorrow

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

HISTORY IN THE MAKING. It's an oft-used phrase, but one which I don't think anyone can deny is the life that we're all currently living. Over the last few weeks, we've all started adapting to a new temporary normal that's seen the way we live our daily lives change. Whether we realize it or not, we're living in a time that people in the future will look back on with curiosity, wanting an insight into how we lived. Unlike many of the momentous times in our recent history, this isn't a question of a moment of the "where were you when" variety. Those moments are stamped on our personal history like exclamation points, while this current time can be read more as an ellipsis – a time out of time – in which many of the normal rules no longer seem to apply.

In light of this, I have a special request to make of you – to make a record of this time, how it has affected you and how you're spending it. It's strange to think, but in 50 or 100 years, there will be students writing papers about this time in our lives and yes, museum exhibits talking about it as well. It's easy to say that we're capturing our day to day living on social media, but in the coming months and years, those posts will get buried under others and the platforms we use will change.

Now, it might seem daunting to sit down and start writing, but it needn't be. You can share how you've been spending your time, how your daily life has changed in recent weeks and what or who you've been missing in these times of physical distancing. You can talk about the heroes in our community and around the world. You can talk about the gamut of emotions that I'm sure we've all been feeling. You can also talk about those things that have made you smile, even as you've tried to make sense of these strange times. I know that there are people who are concerned that they aren't achieving enough these days, thinking that they need to come out of this having created a magnum opus or at the very least having mastered a new hobby. The truth is that everyone processes things differently and as long as you're showing kindness to yourself and looking after others, there's no wrong way to do this. And everyone living through these times has a story to share.



If writing isn't your thing, why not try recording yourself either with either audio or video? Just pretend you're with a friend telling them your story or sit down with your immediate family and make a recording together. You may find that a couple of versions come out whether you write or record. There might be some more private thoughts and some that you feel more comfortable sharing and that's OK too. For those accounts that you would like to share, we'd be honoured to add them to the collection at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, as a way of documenting our present to contribute to the future. Please send them to info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com. We'd also be happy to help with any questions you might have about documenting these times.

Stay safe everyone! There are brighter days ahead!

Kate Butler is director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Top 10 alternate reasons to wear a mask

LATELY THERE has been some discussion about whether wearing a mask is required in public. I'll do whatever is asked of me and, in fact, I'm looking forward to being told to wear a mask. Here are my top 10 reasons why.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. I owe a lot of people money.
2. No more worries about an acne breakout.
3. Makes sticking out my tongue at big guys a whole lot safer.
4. Now it's not so weird when I wear one around the house.
5. I frequently have parsley in my teeth.
6. Makes me a better ventriloquist.
7. I'll finally have a chance to hear people say, "Who was that masked man?"
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Both Williams, both Brits
Kept rhythm inside him
As Dad hiked post-Blitz

For births and retirements
Chances to wax
He'd pull out his pencil
On paper he'd max

His own metric nature
In stanzas with form
Grand tributes in couplet
Dry humour, his norm

So such is now in me
Coy wryness plus word
Boy shyness behooved us
Twin need for absurd

Whenever my childhood
Was scary for me
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To kill misery

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Scored four out of ten
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These days if in travels
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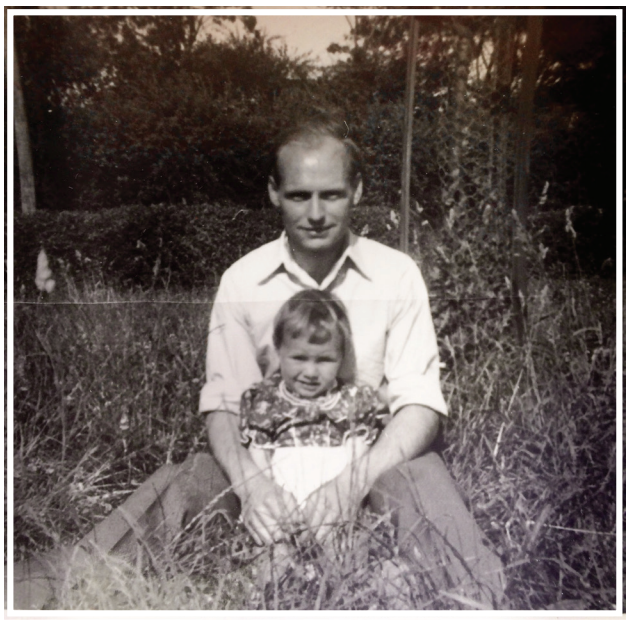
By Deborah J Reed



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Putting skills to use to help others

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wait and see approach is being adopted for its return.

"The current Repair Café model is one of connection – so people hanging out, repairing things together. I think if our new reality is different, the model could be adapted but we just need to see what the 'new normal' is going to be. Repair Café is about sharing skills and experience in a face-to-face way. It's not at all like online learning or DIY videos. The personal connection is key. So we'd have to see how to keep that," she wrote in an email. "Or if, in awhile, we don't need to continue social distancing, then probably we could continue with the [Repair Cafés] as is."

The Repair Café co-ordinator, Chris Varga, who is now a volunteer and booster for SIRCH, said even though the events have been suspended indefinitely, his passion to help and collaborate with the volunteer base and the community of Repair Café groups around the world continues.

"I really want to help regardless of whether I'm getting paid or not. I want to ensure the Repair Café idea initiative does not just fizzle out and die," he said. "We have an opportunity here to engage people who are helpers, who are fixers, who can work in situations like this."

Among the group of more than 25 fixers are Lori DaRosa and Jerry Misner of Consumer Parts Source, a Haliburton-based business that sells parts and accessories.

Varga said DeRosa is making masks despite an injury that will require surgery.

"She's the prime example again of somebody who said, 'I may not be able to do it all myself so I've tried to get all my neighbours to do it as well,'" he said.

Misner is using his technical skills to help.

Since the SIRCH Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton has closed, there's a collection of electronic items no one knew what to do with. Misner is dismantling many of them into their separate parts and re-using any components of value.

It is serving as an example for other repair café locations, which remain in contact with Varga and other co-ordinators.

"They're impressed with what Jerry's doing so they are inspired by that as well. They thought that was a good idea," he said.

See repaircafe.org for more about the global community of repair café groups, which remain in contact, looking to re-invent the idea and how to use the philosophy and collection of skills to help.

The mask-making effort needs many people to contribute so it's not just a few doing a lot of work, Varga said. If there are a thousand people each making one mask, it's better than a small group, each making dozens.

He encouraged people to spread the word about the mask initiative.

"There is no shortage of people who would love ... to be mobilized and engaged and feel useful in a time where many of us are just sitting feeling helpless," he said.

For full details about the masks see:

sirch.on.ca/2020/04can-you-sew-sewing-for-a-great-cause.

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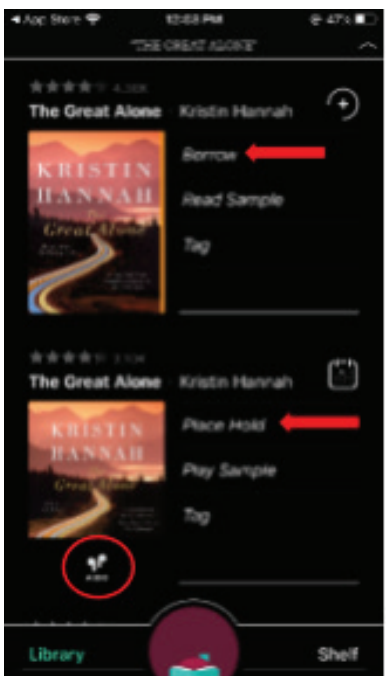

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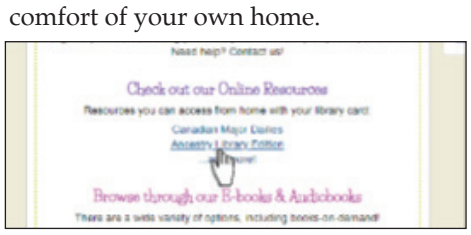
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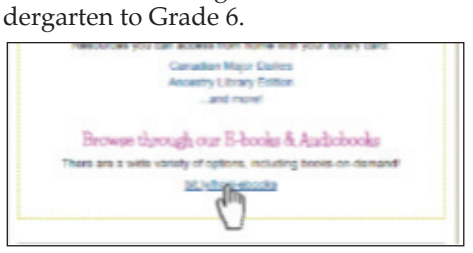

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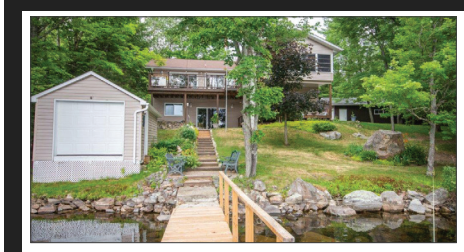

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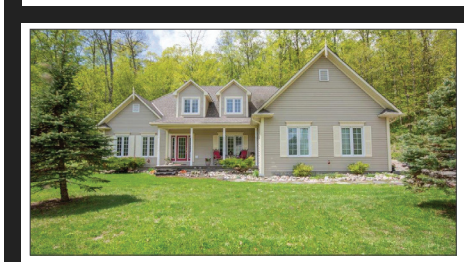

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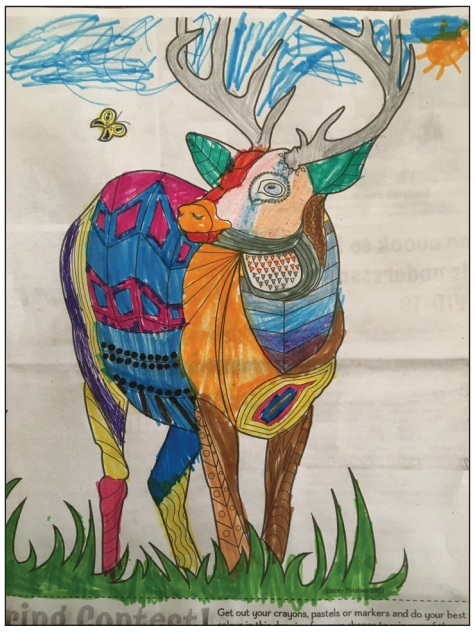
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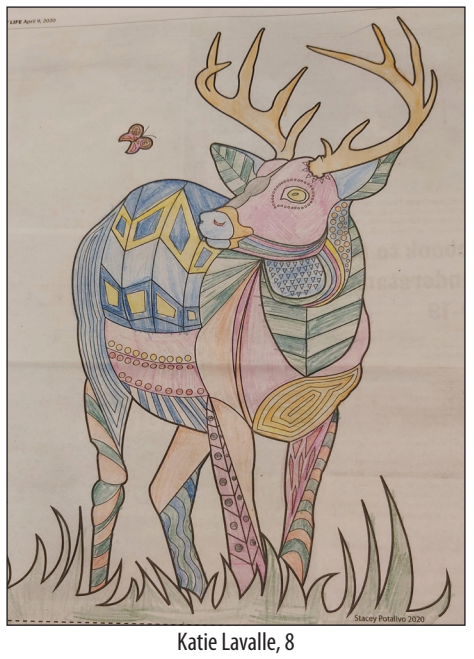
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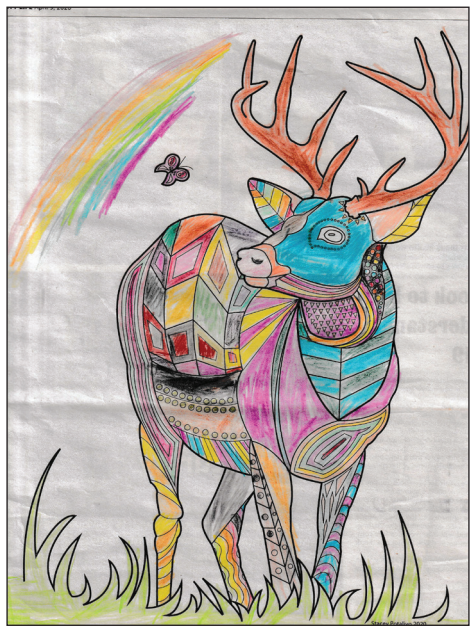
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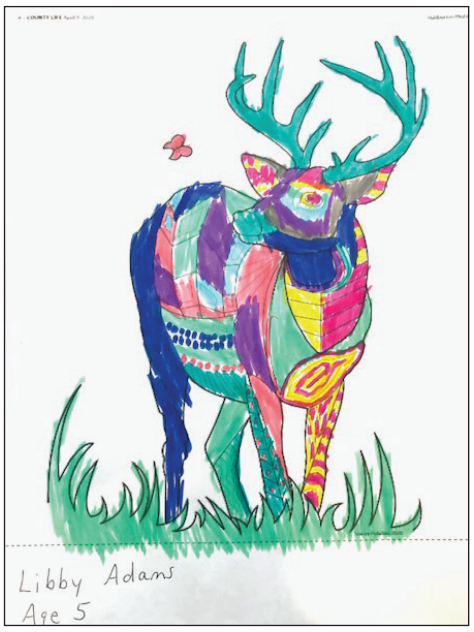

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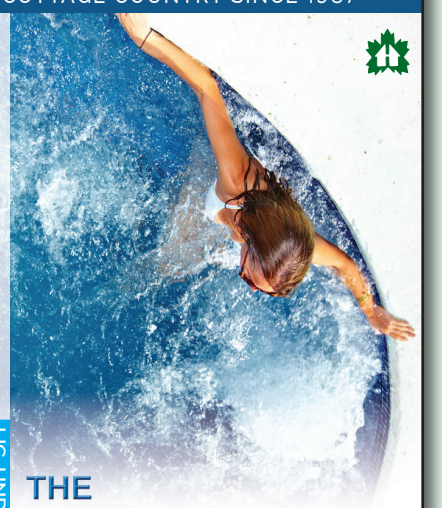
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Central Food Network offering help to anyone who needs it during health crisis

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Volunteer driver Nadine Jones loads her vehicle for a delivery in Highlands East, as part of an effort to help people with getting their groceries during the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo submitted by Tina Jackson

We are here to help: that's the message from the Central Food Network, a registered charity that includes the Highlands East Food Hub and the Cardiff Community Food Bank.

Carol Greenwood, co-ordinator for the grocery delivery service in Wilberforce and chairperson of the Central Food Network for the past 18 months, said the organization wants people to know they're providing assistance.

"The main thing that we're trying to get across is that we are here for people. We have a number of different programs we are offering that we can try and tailor to individual needs of individuals, whether that's needing food from the food bank because salaries have been interrupted, or needing help to get groceries in the home. There are a variety of different programs that we have and it's a great community with community spirit and please feel comfortable coming and use our services. We're here to help," she said. "We're still concerned that there are a number of people in the community that could benefit from our services, but are not using them."

Last month, the Cardiff and Wilberforce food banks provided food to 155 individuals, 44 of them children under 18 years old and 37 people over 60 years old. In the first week of April, Wilberforce's food bank saw an increase of between five and 10 households. Cardiff hasn't yet seen an increase, though some past clients have returned.

Cardiff Community Food Bank manager Cam McKenzie said his concern is not the short term, but what will happen down the road.

"It's going to be the long haul that I think is going to be an issue," he said.

The Wilberforce food bank is operating with regular hours, but clients are asked to remain outside and a volunteer will provide a pre-made hamper of food. Delivery to clients can be arranged.

In addition, volunteers from the food bank are co-ordinating with Wilberforce Foodland, making deliveries to seniors, those who are ill and those who should not be visiting the grocery store in person.

More than 50 deliveries have been made by 10 volunteer drivers, who have driven an estimated 1,000 kilometres since they started at the end of March. Deliveries are made six days a week throughout Highlands East. If an order has been placed by 10 a.m., the drivers will complete the order and make the delivery later that day.

Greenwood moved to Wilberforce three years ago after working as a professor of nutritional sciences at the University of Toronto. It's an area of study that applies to her volunteer role.

"Issues of food security have always been dear to my heart," she said. "You know being able to work with boots on the ground is something that I'm finding very rewarding."

McKenzie had the same message as Greenwood when it comes to Cardiff.

"Anybody that needs help right now [is welcome] is the message we want to emphasize – that if you have never had to access a food bank, if you need to, do it now. Get ahold of us," he said. "Right now we're worrying about registration after ... It's a situation none of us in this country, maybe in the world, have we faced what we're dealing with now. We're here to help the best we can."

McKenzie, who has been the manager for the past three years, said there have been adjustments for the safety of clients and the food bank volunteers.

Due to the small size of the food bank building, he said it was impossible to allow people to come and maintain the social distancing inside the building so a delivery program was initiated on April 1.

"I will phone them and let them know it's coming and I just set it on their porch and set it on their step and no contact. They might wave at me from their window and we're good to go," he said.

McKenzie and Kathy Blizzard make most of the deliveries in Cardiff.

McKenzie, a Highlands East councillor who has filled his time at the food bank instead of at council and committee meetings, which were suspended during the health crisis, adds another concern was about trying to enforce physical distancing in the parking lot where people cluster and socialize.

The system has been good for the food bank, spreading out the workload of two to three hours over a week for the volunteers, he said. Despite the food bank's new practice of sanitizing before work, during and after, some volunteers have had to withdraw their services due to health concerns.

McKenzie said the Cardiff food bank clients have helped ensure their shelves don't go completely bare by communicating what preferences they have instead of receiving anything they won't eat or haven't completely finished since the last order.

"It's stretched out what we have here," he said.

The other important assist for the location was the support from Bancroft Foodland, which sells bags of goods to the public to benefit the food bank, allowing clients to have access to staples such as pasta and sauce, he said.

How can the public help food banks?

Greenwood, like McKenzie, discourages the public from buying more groceries than they need.

She supports self-isolation to minimize exposure and welcomes financial support because the challenge isn't food scarcity in the market, but a lack of discounts.

"I must say across all of our food banks, Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce/Cardiff, the people have been extremely generous and we're very grateful for that. On the other hand, we see this going on for the long term and that our costs of being able to serve what we think is going to be a growing number of clients as people are suffering from lost wages. Yes, trying to help us cover those costs would obviously be appreciated," Greenwood said.

McKenzie said the food bank shelves in Cardiff are not full, but they will be "comfortable" to service clients for the next two weeks.

The challenge is finding a wholesaler that will enable a large purchase, which is not possible with current purchase restrictions to discourage hoarding.

"We've had a significant amount of financial support to Central Food Network. The bottle-neck now might be everyone in the same boat is to find a wholesaler who has product. That hasn't happened for us yet," he said.

Anyone interested in being a client of either the Highlands Food Hub or the Cardiff Community Food Bank, call 705-448-9711 or email tina@centralfoodnetwork.org For grocery deliveries, call or email your grocery order to Foodland at 705-448-2811 or foodland7256@hotmail.com and be sure to include your name, phone number and address.

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The 31 member service club provided $30,000 of the $39,088 purchase price, with the local Red Cross contributing $4000 and the anonymous donor providing $5000.

The installation of the new Phillips X-ray machine, completed in late January, coincided with renovations currently underway at the hospital. This allowed a special lead-lined room to be built especially for the new equipment. The previous X-ray device was used in the emergency admitting area and, while portable screens were available to help block the scattering of the x-rays, some felt it was inadequate.

The new x-ray room has also been designed to provide additional space for

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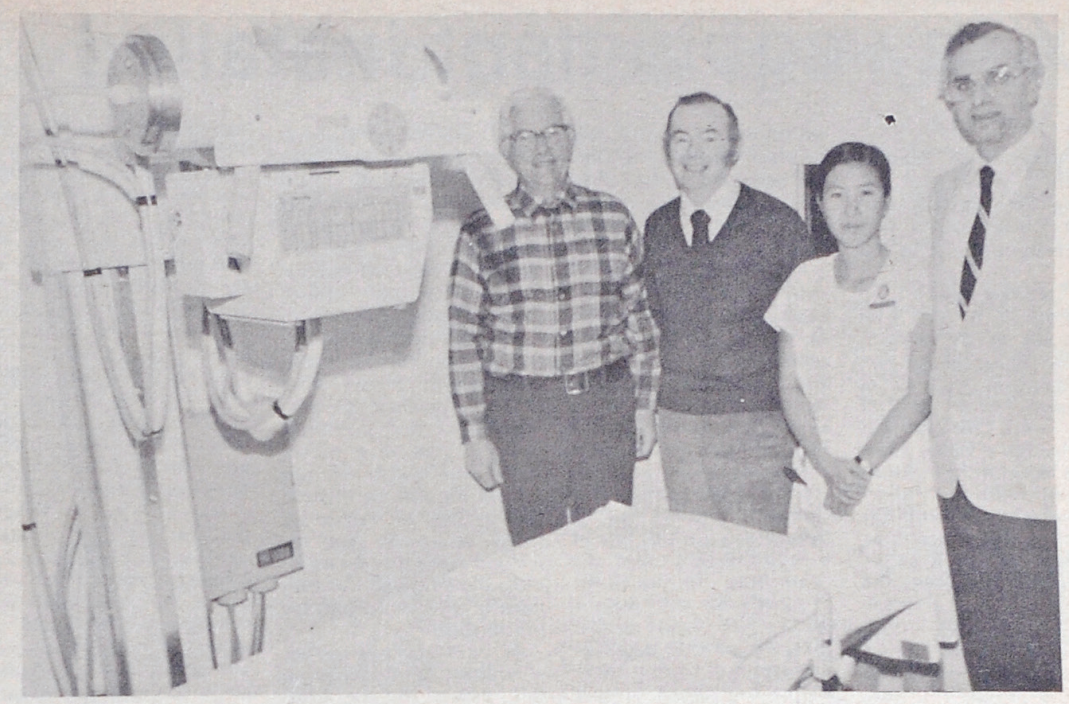

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SPA status approved

Official confirmation of approval in principle for Minden's Special Policy Area (SPA) designation in the community's core has been received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The SPA status was the result of a long period of negotiations between the municipality and the provincial government over the designation of a hazard zone adjacent to the Gull River.

The granting of SPA status, in principle, was hammered out at a meeting January 13 between representatives of the township and the two ministries. According to the letter received late last month, the special status was based on the following criteria:

-the urban centre of the township, commonly known as Minden, is subject to flooding.

-the ministries' cursory investigation of the problem has found that major portions of the urban centre are probably below the regional and 1:100 year flood lines. Application of the two-zone concept of flood plain management does not appear feasible.

- a large component of the community's commercial, retail, industrial and residential development is located in the flood plain. Rehabilitation, redevelopment or replacement of structures in such areas are seen as necessary to continued community viability and major relocations do not appear feasible.

- there are potential areas of infilling adjacent to existing development where flooding appears to be shallow and of a low velocity.

The letter points out the granting of the SPA in principle does not necessarily mean that it will be allowed when the official plan study is carried out. Approval of SPA, according to the letter, "...will depend on the conclusions of a number of studies that need to be completed."

Among the studies which have to be carried out are the delineation of the flood lines for the community, a flood damage reduction program study, and the introduction of an official plan for the area with policies which reflect the fact the area is located in a flood plain.

Both ministries have offered the municipality their assistance in collecting data to support the SPA and for the completion of the official plan study. A representative from each ministry has been named to work with municipal officials in preparing the necessary material.

Dump proposal to be tried

Tentative approval has been given to the establishment of a dump runners' corner at the Scotch Line Landfill site. Approval of the idea came on a split vote at the January 27 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden township council.

The idea was first proposed earlier this year by Councillor Gary Kenney. He suggested that a special area could be set aside at the site where individuals could leave articles which they feel would be useful to others. Those visiting the dump would be permitted to remove, free of charge, any items found in the dump runner's corner.

A representative of the Ministry of the Environment, Wayne Moore, attended the meeting. His ministry is responsible for setting standards for waste disposal sites in the province.

Moore explained that this was the first time he was aware such a proposal had been made in Ontario. He said in some instances, the municipality may contract for the salvaging of metals or paper at a dump, but it is usually carried out by one individual. He noted that his ministry encourages this sort of activity since it involves recycling of useful material.

However, he also pointed out that problems could arise if the general public were allowed to rummage through the leavings at the site. He said there could be problems with health hazards and concerns about liability. He did concur however, that setting aside a separate area for useful items could be classified as a form of resource recovery.

Councillor Larry Cummins said the idea could lead to problems at the dump. He said, for example, that those visiting the dump could leave household garbage at the dump runners' corner and thereby create problems with refuse blowing about the area. "We're just asking for trouble with this idea," Cummins commented. "There will be garbage all over the place."

Moore said the municpality would have to weigh the benefits of the idea against the extra problems it might create at the dump site. He noted one benefit, pointing out that for every item taken home, it was one item less to be buried.

Kenney said he did not expect the idea to result in additional costs for the township. "I would hope the corner would operate of its own accord," he commented. "If it is going to require extensive supervision, I don't think we should do it." The councillor admitted that he was a "volunteer committee of one" who was willing to police the corner to ensure it did not

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Council rejects public input for pay rates

A suggestion that the public be consulted about the amount of the honorarium elected members of the municipal council receive has been rejected by the Anson Hindon and Minden Municipal council. The matter was raised at the January 27 meeting by Councillor Gary Kenney.

Kenney told the councillors that there would be value in including the public in setting the rates. He said the public should have a say in the honorarium, the expense allowance and the workload of the councillors. He rejected the proposal that including representatives of the public in determining the rates would reduce the council's standing in the minds of the electors. He said it would be a good way to involve the public in the council's activities.

Under Kenney's suggestion a committee which would include representatives of the ratepayers and members of council, would make recommendation with regard to the amount councillors receive. He pointed out that the committee would only be able to advise and the council would still retain the final say in determining how much they would receive.

Kenney said the issue was similar to one discussed earlier in the meeting regarding performance records for the township employees. "In effect, we are employees of the municipality," he said, "we should invite our employers (the public) to become involved."

Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas rejected the suggestion saying that a fair method of setting the honorarium has now been established. He said a formula based on a time and motion study carried out in another municipality is being used as a basis for setting the pay rates here. He noted the municipality would not be able to afford to carry out its own time and motion study. The involvement of the citizens would mean individuals who are too close to the subject would be asked to make the assessment.

Councillor Larry Cummins said he felt the responsibility of setting the council's wage rates rested with the council "That is why we were elected," he commented, "to set the rates."

Councillor Pat Burk agreed with that assessment. She added that individual members of the public would not be aware of the amount of time and effort members of council put in to do the job.

The motion, as proposed by Councillor Kenney, did not receive a seconder, and so the matter was dropped.

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It's all about the lot!! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year round road. Looking for a fixer upper this one is for you! 3 bdrms 2 with balconies.

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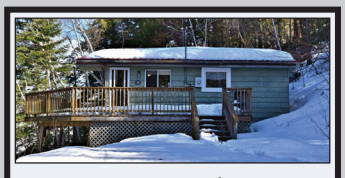

MISKWABI LAKE $486,900
Turnkey 3 bdrm, 4 season cottage. Open concept living space. Finished with pine walls and ceilings, gives the true cottage feel. Recently installed laminate flooring throughout, indoor sauna. This property has it all! Walk-out to wrap around deck. Bunkie for additional living space.

KOSHLONG LAKE $458,500
Charming 2-bdrm 1 bath fully furnished cottage. Perfectly situated in a quiet bay. Pine walls and flooring throughout provides a true cottage feel.Finished bunkie. With many recent upgrades this cottage is move in ready. Large wrap around deck. Enjoy the panoramic views.

NESBITT ROAD $399,999
Recently renovated 4 bdrm, 2 bath home. Beautifully treed level lot. Many recent upgrades include new roof, fully renovated bathrooms, luxury vinyl flooring throughout, blown-in insulation and much more. Finished lower level, large deck and heated attached double car garage.

PERCY LAKE $379,000
Great traditional family cottage! 4 Bdrm, 1 bath cottage has open concept living space finished w/ laminate flooring and wood interior boasts cottage charm. Large lakefront deck. Southern exposure. The list doesn't stop there, sauna building at waters edge, large sitting deck and dock.

LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE $359,000
Open concept traditional 3-bdrm cottage. Large windows and walk out to the lakefront deck. Sloping to level yard with lots of space for the kids and pets to run and play. Beautiful sand beach, southern views, outdoor shower, privacy and more. 1 bedroom bunkie.

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Drag Lake $499,000 7.24AC
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Colborne Lake $289,000 4.83AC
Contau Lake $165,000 1.33AC
Harburn Road $99,000 44+AC
Irondale River $79,900 3.22AC
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Deep Bay Rd $49,000 3.05 AC
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